

**A Record Of Accomplishments**

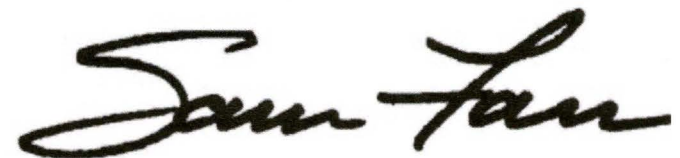




I've spent a life time in public service. It started in the summer of 1958 when five Carmel High School students volunteered to work in multi-culture youth camps in Germany and Austria. That original experience led me to the Peace Corps, to college, into legislative staff work in the California Legislature, and finally back home and into elected office.

My first election was in 1966 to the County Central Committee. In 1975 I was appointed to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors and ran for re-election. I have never lost an election since then, and am honored to be completing 42 years in elective office - the last 24 of them in the U.S. Congress.

With every office I've held, I've worked to "upgrade" government services in this region whether it was the Big Sur, Carmel Valley and Pebble Beach master plans, increasing federal workers locality pay which brings in an additional \$40 million per year to this region, or helping to establish a four-year university on the old Fort Ord. I count among these new federal facilities for agricultural research, marine fisheries management, a Veterans and DOD joint health clinic, a veterans cemetery and National Park and Monument status for our beautiful open space - just some of my accomplishments and all of which are highlighted in this book. I hope you will enjoy looking at that as much as I had working to make them so.

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**My father, Senator Fred Farr, authored legislation for State Parks acquisitions of the Asilomar Conference Center.  
He was a longstanding member of the Conference Center Board of Directors.**





**Camp Roberts is the largest California National Guard property in California, now world renowned as a first responder training center. It also hosts SATCOM which is responsible for communications aboard Air Force One and other critical national security communications. I have spent a good deal of time providing support to SATCOM and helping to upgrade SATCOM facilities and also those of Camp Roberts.**





**I am so proud of my father, who was instrumental in acquiring Asilomar for the California State Parks, protecting an historical asset designed, financed and owned by women (Julia Morgan, Phoebe Hearst and YWCA).**





**As someone who lives with dyslexia I love this school with a specialized curriculum for dyslexic students. When I learned of the plans for the school I eagerly pitched in to help the founders get land and buildings at the former Fort Ord for its initial footprint and for its future expansion. Go Chartwell!**





**Being on the House Appropriations Committee helped me drive significant dollars into the Monterey airport to assist with repairs, runway improvements and expansion. I was also deeply involved in the effort to get money from the Defense Department to clean up a portion of the airport that was contaminated with old military hazardous waste.**





Growing up in Carmel, the river was our playground. Understanding the role of the Carmel River and other rivers along the Central Coast in the greater ecosystem of the Peninsula and more extensive watershed, propelled me to concentrate on moving state and federal funds to the area for many river projects. These have included the long slog to finalize a flood plan for the Pajaro River, a new bridge over the Carmel River after it was washed out in the flood of 1995, restoration and management efforts on the Salinas River, and a pedestrian walkway along the San Lorenzo River in Santa Cruz .





**This region has led the State in sewage treatment and re-use. The Carmel facility is just one such operation and I helped bring this about. In these days, especially, as we all try to find new means to conserve and recycle every drop of water, these facilities take on new importance.**





**I love the Monterey Harbor and our Coast Guard presence, which is all too often overlooked. I helped to change that by incorporating them into the large defense/national security network that exists on the Central Coast. I even facilitated the local CG station getting a new boat for rapid response - they presented me with an honorary ships plank (named the USCGC FARR) to celebrate the occasion.**





**I spent my summers fishing off the Monterey pier, long before the yacht harbor was built. I loved all the variety of purse seine boats and the many other fishing vessels that made their way in and out of the bay.**





**Nothing in politics is more permanent than protecting the land for future generations. I spent my career carving out new parks, directing funds to parks and using protection titles like "Wilderness" and "Monument" and "easement law" to ensure permanent protections.**





**When I graduated from Carmel High School in 1959, there were no four year colleges or universities in the Monterey Bay area. My father helped bring UC to Santa Cruz, and I made sure that CSUMB would be at Fort Ord. Higher education must be accessible in cost and distance - now we have choices.**





**Most people don't know that this region is one of the largest flower growing centers in the U.S. I authored legislation to create the California Cut Flower Commission and launch the annual Open Flower Green Houses festival.**





**As a County Supervisor, I found an unused account for open space and got the money earmarked for Carmel Valley Village Park, which has now grown to include a community center and swimming pool.**





**Laugh if you must, but our garbage dump is the best in the world and recognized as such. I especially love the Last Chance Mercantile store - our largest year round garage sale! Touring the complex is a must-see, especially with kids. I authored the legislation to give it the fancy name. It's still my favorite dump.**





**Out of the Fort Ord coast I helped created a four mile State Park. It took an enormous effort to get the Army to clean up this land; it was littered with surface and buried unexploded ordinances. Now its a safe place for kids to ride bicycles. I predict this will become a favorite park through which to access the National Marine Sanctuary.**





**As a freshman Assembly Member, I saved the UCSC farm - now the Agro-Ecology Center - a world renowned example of how energetic professors and students can build an empire. They dedicated a rose garden to me (I grow heirloom vine roses) for my help in their success.**





**I was surprised by the dedication of a bench overlooking the Slough for my work to save the "mud flats". What a wonderful natural habitat to observe "watchable wildlife". It just proves that preserving exceptional habitat can be a sustainable economic asset!**





**Every year the National Conference on Sustainable Agriculture is held at Asilomar. I authored the California Certified Organic law in the Assembly - and shepherded similar organics legislation and regulations through the Federal process.**





**Senator Henry Mello and I authored the legislation to manage the re-use of the 28,000 acre Fort Ord. It's called FORA, the Fort Ord Re-use Authority. It's made up of local, State and federal elected officials in charge of all clean up and re-use.**





**One of my favorite rescues is the Hearst Hacienda inside Fort Hunter Liggett in South Monterey County. This private in-holding was almost lost to the public during a complex and confusing base closure process in 1995. Now it is open as an overnight hotel for the general public. Everyone should visit!**





**Garland Regional Park was my first dedication as a County Supervisor. I rode a big white stallion along this river in the Park to dedicate it in the mid 70's. I felt like a white knight!**





**Few know that our South County training base at Fort Hunter Liggett is larger than the famous Camp Pendleton in Southern California. FHL offers year-round training for military (and civilian) personnel from all over the world. I aggressively funded many projects at this base which the Army previously treated like a forgotten step child. But no more! FHL has emerged as a critical linchpin in training the ground troops for Americas battles. It also hosts cutting-edge energy projects like the biggest solar energy project in the region enough so that Fort Hunter Liggett is a net-zero energy consumer meaning it generates all the energy it consumes and is not dependent on the grid.**





**Inside Fort Ord exists the largest regional park in Central California - the Fort Ord National Monument. This designation is due to my work with other land preservation organizations to persuade the President to use his power under the Antiquities Act to protect this wild open space. I was successful, and now these 10,000 acres are forever preserved by President Obama's Execu**





**I was also involved in the historic preservation of Limekiln River watershed in South Big Sur. This exquisite waterfall is accessible from Highway One and makes access to the ocean very easy. Behind it is the new Silver Peak Wilderness Area in Los Padres National Forest.**





**Dr. Talcott Bates got the neighbors to support the opening of a County Park on Jacks Peak. He and his wife actually donated the original 55 acres to begin the park. As a County Supervisor, I was proud to dedicate its opening in 1977.**





**I was responsible for bringing together Federal and State agencies to manage Elkhorn Slough and the mouth of the Salinas River as a Wildlife Reserve, as well as directing some Federal funding to the effort.**





**I'd like to think government architecture has progressed significantly since this building was built! Originally built to house an undersea electronics facility for national security purposes, the Navy abandoned it and NMFS took it over to use as a fisheries lab. But NMFS, too, no longer has use for it and it is now considered surplus government property. I encouraged locals to paint great murals on it to beautify it until it can find a new owner, but even those are growing old. As odd a building as it is, it's part of the funky history of our community.**





**Got over \$20 million to build the Federal Marine Fisheries Building on the campus of UCSC's Long Marine lab.**





**The elegant Moss Landing Marine Lab of today was built to replace an old unattractive, but useful, one that was destroyed in the Loma Prieta Earthquake. It took years and years of battling FEMA to get the agency to pay up its share of disaster assistance funds to underwrite this lab. But I did it, and MLML is the result. This stunning new beautiful and functional lab is one of the grandest designed facilities in our region. But its not just for scientists! It really is a must see for family and friends.**





**I am proud of my work, not only to save the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, but to expand it with many millions for new buildings and programs. Twice I've kept the school off the Pentagon's base closure list and have stared down Admirals and Secretaries who have tried to short shift this world-class educational institution. As long as I'm around, I won't let the "green eyeshades guys" hack away at teh NPS budget in order to fund DOD's insatiable appetite for more armaments and war material.**





**My father State Senator Fred Farr authored legislation to create Nicene Marks as a State Park. Later, when I was a State Assembly Member I authored legislation to create the nearby Soquel State Demonstration Forest. Together they offer the biggest bike trail region in Central California. This is a favorite park for many in the area.**





**It took years of work to get the new bridge and levees for the Pajaro River and it remains a work in progress, still. But someday it will be a park-like walking trail from the ocean to the mountains and we will be glad we made the effort and took the time. I'm proud to be part of this.**





**Preserving wetlands at the mouth of the Pajaro River has been one of my goals. This, too, is a work in progress, but an important one. Someday, the Sanctuary Trail will pass through this beautiful area.**





**I have worked for over 40 years to get the new freeway through North Monterey County. The Prunedale Bypass is now a reality thanks to federal money I helped secure.**





**Pinnacles National Park is one of my proudest Congressional Acts. It is the first National Park for our area and is attracting visitors from around the world. Businesses are able to expand jobs in the gateway cities which benefit the local economy. This is a win-win for everyone.**





**I offered legislation to transfer the Pacific Grove Lighthouse from the Coast Guard to the City of Pacific Grove. Now it's open to the public and can be used to rent out for overnight experiences. This is just another way I've always liked to keep local assets working for us in new and innovative ways.**





**How do you take a town and move it from one County to the other? Give it a new zip code! North Monterey County residents had the same zip code as those across the line in Santa Cruz County. This wasn't a problem for the Postal Service but it was a problem for residents who were charged Santa Cruz County taxes when they lived in Monterey County! We helped fix the problem by giving the subdivision a new name which got it a new sub-zip code. Problem solved!**





**World renowned Central Coast agriculture produces over a hundred different crops and generates over \$5.4 billion dollars in sales. Keeping this private land in open space depends on it being economically successful. That's why I chose to serve on the House Appropriations Committee as Ranking Member of the Agriculture Subcommittee. My role here has allowed me to direct needed federal assistance to local agricultural investments and to highlight the increasing importance of specialty and organic crops.**





**Salinas has long been a "trucking capital" for agricultural transport, but trucks had no direct access to the freeway from the produce distribution centers. This created massive delays in transporting time-sensitive and perishable produce out of Salinas to distant markets. But I made sure money for a new overpass was included in a highway bill to build the Airport Boulevard Overpass in Salinas. This earmarked federal money made it a State priority for U.S. 101. Congestion is no longer an issue and the crops roll out of town on time.**





**Most people don't know you can walk to the mouth of the Salinas River through our U.S. Wildlife Refuge. I helped make the trail and parking lot (off the Molera exit) accessible. Its an easy short walk - try it!**





**I was a good swimmer in high school and often competed in swim meets. I also was certified with a Red Cross Lifeguard Certificate. So I know the joy of swimming. That is why I worked so hard to get Federal grant money to build the municipal pool in Salinas. It is the best swimming center in the region and besides the physical benefits it provides, it helps keep kids off the streets and out of gangs. I loved working with Salinas civic leaders in earmarking money for its construction.**





**I am an avid photographer; I learned the finer points of photography from my Carmel neighbor and American photography icon Ansel Adams. One of my favorite subjects to photograph are cathedrals, churches and mosques around the world. Here on the Central Coast, my favorite is Mission San Antonio de Padua next to Fort Hunter Liggett down in Jolon. In a effort to save historic missions in California (like San Antonio) I authored legislation to allow California missions to be eligible for federal historic preservation funding.**





**Access to the coast by a trail around the entire Monterey Bay is one of my goals. Years ago, I envisioned the creation of a bike and pedestrian trail around the Monterey Bay. It's not done yet, but there has been significant progress made on realizing this vision. The path has been set, most parcels have already been bought or secured and the environmental clearance process is on-going. A number of segments are already constructed and open for running, jogging, walking and biking, especially along the Monterey Peninsula. In fact, so many people take advantage of the Peninsula recreational trail, that it is used by more people than those who visit the aquarium.**





**All these beaches are public - now many are accessible through federal money for trails and walkways. Some day I hope the entire bay will be accessible to the public - it will be a great achievement.**





**This pollution control facility is one of the first water projects I got funded upon arriving in Congress. It uses cutting edge systems to clean up sewage water for use in agriculture and on golf courses, leaving other, more valuable potable water for use for human consumption. This project actually can boast it has one of the largest ag re-use volumes in the world attracting many to study its success.**





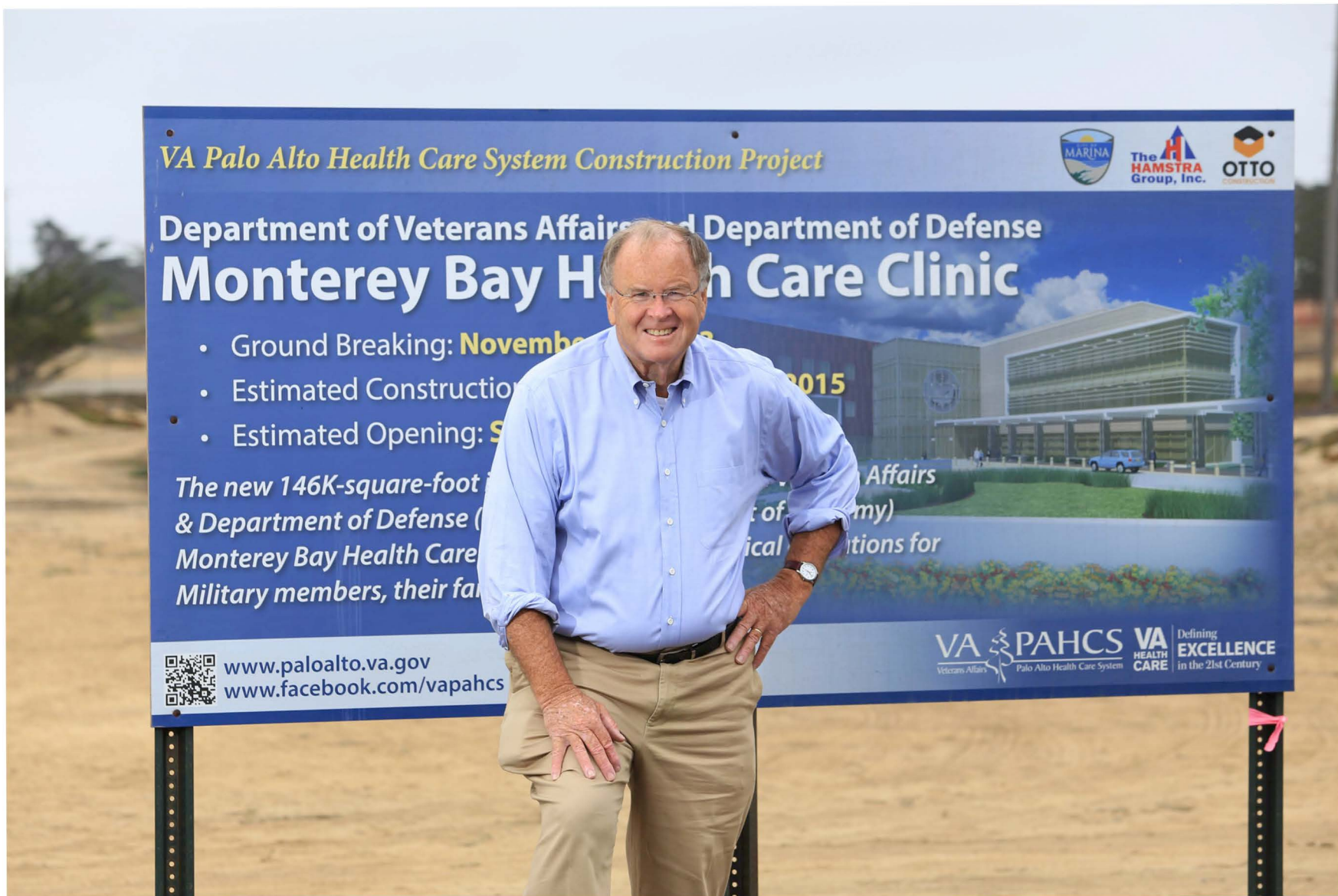
**Ah, the Pinnacles! I carried legislation to upgrade the Pinnacles from National Monument status to a full National Park - the 39th National Park in the Country's park system. Serving as the gateway to the Pinnacles is Soledad, where you'll find all you'll need to make your visit to the area memorable.**





**It takes a village to build the first locally sponsored, State managed, federally paid for, Central Coast Veterans' Cemetery. This is what I call a bottoms up idea that eventually caught fire. It took a lot of heavy lifting, but after I finally got the Federal VA on board, the process took hold and the State came along.**





General William "Bill" Gourley (Ret.) first came up with the idea to combine a military clinic with a veterans clinic to make health care for our present, past and future servicemen and women a one-stop proposition. But I was the one who got the DOD and VA on board (no easy task!) and made sure they provided the financial and personnel support to make this clinic a reality. The clinic is now in construction and will open in 2016. I further passed legislation to name it after General Gourley for his inspiration.





**The Monterey Bay is dotted with sewage treatment plants - all state-of-the-art technology that treat water for drinking cleanliness, but also to recycle clean but non-potable water for use on ag fields. Our region will continue to lead the State in water re-use and conservation.**





**Santa Cruz Harbor needs constant dredging - the District Board couldn't wait for the U.S. Corps of Engineers so I helped them buy a dredge and take over the work. I've stayed on top of harbor needs ever since. Maintaining this waterway will make it a gem in the sanctuary trail.**





**The district is really the birthplace of the organic produce industry. What used to be a hippy niche product is now mainstream and gradually eclipsing traditionally produced items. I authored the California Certified Organic Law in the Assembly - and shepherded similar legislation and regulations through the Federal process.**

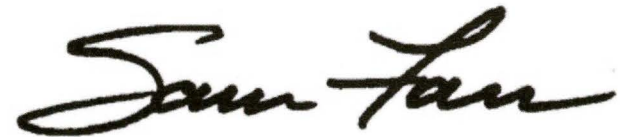


I have lived my life by one of my favorite quotes -

**"Be the change you wish to see in the world."**

**- Mahatma Gandhi**

Public Service is the most honorable job, especially when you can use it for change, change that helps others. I entered into politics to change things, especially to wipe out the "culture of poverty" where people don't have access to education, health care or a safe place to sleep. Together, we have made great strides, in this district and around the world and I'm incredibly proud of my accomplishments which are memorialized in these pages. Thank you for your support in the journey!

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